

Hindwing. — Broadly lanceolate, costa arched at base nearly straight to outer fifth, apex obtusely rounded, termen oblique, straight; dorsal margin nearly parallel to costa. Eight veins, 5 and 6 short stalked, 7 from upper angle of cell; 1^b furcate at base; between 3 and 7 transverse vein is not tubular. Color bronzy brown, slightly shining, but without the brilliant gold reflections of the forewing; grayish white above cell; cilia shining grayish brown. Underside both wings shining golden gray.

Described from about fifty specimens all taken in Essex County Park, New Jersey, flying about or resting on the leaves and flowerets of dogwood, *Cornus candidissimus*, May 30 to June 15.

Cotypes, Cat. No. 12,058 U.S.N.M., in Dr. Dietz's and my collections.

Named in honor of Wm. G. Dietz, M.D., of Hazleton, Pa., who has recently revised the very difficult group to which this species belongs. Dr. Dietz writes me that he believes that this species represents a new and valid genus, but I prefer to leave this for future settlement, which will be aided by the diagnosis and figures. The specimens were all collected on two small clumps of *C. candidissimus*, flying in the bright sunshine, morning and afternoon; I visited these clumps nearly every week during the summer and made exhaustive efforts to find some clue to the life history, but without success.

This species is much like *P. acerifoliella* Fitch but besides the structural differences, the forewings of latter are brilliant metallic blue, the hindwings are grayer and the head tuft is a deeper, brighter orange.

EXPLANATION OF PLATE.

- FIG. 1. Venation *Steganoptycha bolliana* Sling.
- FIG. 2. Venation *Commophila umbrabasana* sp. nov.
- FIG. 3. Venation *Chrysopora versicolorella* sp. nov. .
- FIG. 4. Venation *Chrysopora lingulacella* Clem. .
- FIG. 5. Venation *Argyresthia laricella* sp. nov.
- FIG. 6. Venation *Incurvaria dietziella* sp. nov. .
- FIG. 7. Venation forewing, *Coleophora eleagnisella* sp. nov. .
- FIG. 8. Cases of *Coleophora eleagnisella* sp. nov.

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The untimely death of Professor Johnson at the age of forty-two years removes from our midst an able student of the broader problems of economic entomology. On March 11, 1908, at his home in New York City he succumbed to spinal meningitis. Mr. Johnson was born in 1866 at New Albany, Ohio, and received his earlier collegiate

training at Ohio State University. Later he took both his Bachelor and Master of Science degrees at Cornell University where he made a specialty of economic entomology. His professional career was a busy one in the work of teacher, investigator and editor. He was instructor for a time in Leland Stanford University and also in the University of Illinois, at the same time conducting important investigations. He served as State Entomologist of Maryland and later organized the State Horticultural Department, remaining at its head until 1900, when he resigned to take up the journalistic work along agricultural lines in which he has since become so well known. His first work in this direction was as managing editor of the American Agriculturalist, which was followed by the associate editorship of the Agriculturalist, the New England Farmer and the Orange Judd Farmer. His most recent honor was the appointment, a short time before his death, to the Board of Control of the New York Experiment Station at Geneva.

Though in recent years he was prevented by heavy editorial duties from carrying on much research, his interest in such work never flagged, and his unfailing enthusiasm was a stimulation to all with whom he came in contact. He was member of a number of societies and the author of numerous reports and bulletins.